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Sir:

Attached is a copy of the official filing receipt received from the Patent and Trademark Office in the above application for which issuance of a corrected filing receipt is respectfully requested.

There is an error with respect to the city and state of co-inventor HEATHER SINGS. The correct city and state of HEATHER SINGS is West Windsor, NJ, and not "Rahway, NJ" as erroneously shown on the filing receipt.

There is also an error with respect to the city and state of co-inventor FEROZE UJJAINWALLA. The correct city and state of FEROZE UJJAINWALLA is Scotch Plains, NJ, and not "Rahway, NJ" as erroneously shown on the filing receipt.

Applicants had correctly recited the city and state for the co-inventors on the accompanying copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney which had been submitted with the transmittal for the filing of this U.S. national phase application under 35 U.S.C. 371. For your convenience, a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney and the accompanying transmittal letter to the U.S. Designated/Elected Office are enclosed.

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